GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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LESS QUANTITY IN PACKETS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received against some companies for charging according to original price tag but packing smaller quantity as reported in Nav Bharat Times dated January 17, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the name of such companies; and

(c) the action taken against such companies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : No complaints have been received. The news item in Nav Bharat Times dated 17, January, 2007 inter alia refers to companies packing less quantity for the same price. The provisions of the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977 provide that the manufacturer inter alia declare retail sale price and net quantity on the package. The quantum of price so declared on the package is decided by the manufacturer. The Packages of "Parle" biscuit and "Fena" detergent referred to in the news item were examined and were found to be having the declaration of retail sale price and net quantity.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.